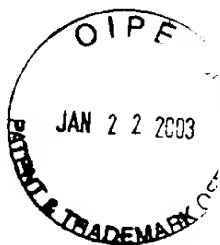


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In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter PTO), please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3 depicts a nucleotide sequence of 1869 bp corresponding to human *FKHsf* cDNA (Sequence I.D. No. 3; including a 1293 bp coding region); translation is predicted to initiate at position 189 and terminate at position 1482.

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